



## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA),  
office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- Note from Division Director Dr. James A. Glass- I am delighted to be serving again as Director of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. I appreciate the confidence in me that Rob Carter, the Director of the Department and our State Historic Preservation Officer, has shown in hiring me and the support that he, Ron McAhron, our Department Deputy Director, and Dave Certo, Counsel to the Director, have given me already in the month that I've been here. I'm also delighted to be serving again with valued colleagues from my first time as division director—John Carr, Paul Diebold, Frank Hurdis, Amy Johnson, and Rick Jones—and with new colleagues Laura Black, Karie Brudis, Cathy Draeger, Dave Duvall, Shana Kelso, Steve Kennedy, Melody Pope, Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Malia Savarino, Chad Slider, Adrienne Schmetzer, Holly Tate, Amy Walker, and Miriam Widenhofer.

One of the things that is apparent to me in the short time since I began my new assignment in May is that the Division has come of age since I last served as director in 1994. We have seasoned, competent, confident, and helpful professionals throughout our operation who are committed to our mission of helping Indiana citizens conserve their three dimensional cultural heritage above and below ground. We have been operating the programs that are our core responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act for nearly 35 years, and in the years since 1994, the Division has continued to improve and refine its administration of the National Register of Historic Places, the statewide survey of historic sites and structures, the matching grants for historic preservation and archaeology, the federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credit programs, and Section 106 review of federal agency projects that affect properties eligible for or listed in the National Register. The wealth of experience and institutional knowledge represented by our staff means that citizens receive the best possible advice on preservation and archaeological concerns and needs and helpful assistance in using our programs to accomplish their goals.

Archaeology is a key part of the division's mission, and we all look forward to continuing to work with professional and avocational archaeologists in the state to promote greater public awareness of the rich heritage that is below ground and represents a record of the many diverse peoples who have inhabited Indiana in the past several thousand years. Much has been done by the division working with the

archaeology community, landowners, and Native American tribal organizations and spokespersons to promote protection of archaeological sites and human burials and non-invasive ways of identifying such sites and glean information about the cultures represented in a responsible way. Since 1989, under the authority of the Human Burial and Archaeological Artifact sections of the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IC 14-21-1), we have been able to protect hundreds of important human burials and pre-1816 archaeological sites and artifacts across Indiana, in cooperation with landowners, the Indiana Archaeology Council and other professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, Native American tribal representatives, and members of the general public. And of course, Section 106 continues to be one of the principal ways in which our division can help afford a degree of protection for sites affected by federal projects.

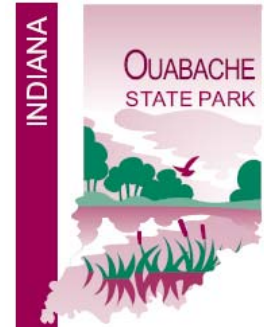
Outreach and education are key parts of both building public support for conserving significant archaeological sites and adding to the knowledge and appreciation of the cultures represented by sites with significant potential for information. Under the leadership of Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, the division has helped develop very successful public education programs, such as Indiana Archaeology Month each September, informational booklets, such as “Early Peoples of Indiana,” a division speaker’s bureau on archaeological topics, and much more. We would like to continue these efforts and expand on them, in continued and new partnerships with the professional archaeological community, avocational archaeologists, the Native American community and many others.

We would like to build on our achievements in protection of archaeological sites and public awareness and improve our service to the public. Partnerships will be key, and I will be meeting in the coming months with representatives of the Indiana Archaeology Council, Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission, avocational archaeologists and other members of the public and private sectors who draw on our programs to learn of concerns and seek ideas for improving accomplishment of our mission. Please feel free to let me know of your ideas for working together ([jglass@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jglass@dnr.IN.gov) or 317-232-3492).

- Indiana Archaeology Month- September will be here before we know it! Plans for the 2007 Indiana Archaeology Month are progressing well. If you would like to be an event host, and have not already done so, please complete the form at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/eventhost.pdf> as soon as possible. It will shortly be time to begin the process of finalizing the official Calendar of Events. This year’s designs for the commemorative poster and shirts (which are always popular) are being created.

**INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

- Presentation at the Falls of the Ohio- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Rick Jones will give a presentation on Indiana State Laws and Regulations Regarding Archaeology to the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society. The public is also welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center in Clarksville, Indiana. For more information, go to <http://www.falls-society.org/location.php>.
- Rendezvous on the Ouabache- State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones was at the Rendezvous at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton on June 16, 2007. He gave an archaeological presentation for the public, showed and discussed artifacts, and answered questions about archaeology in our state.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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**Mission Statement:** *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*



**THE INDIANA DIVISION  
OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
AND ARCHAEOLOGY:**

- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database